

HALPIN STEPS ASIDE.

MAKES WAY FOR PARSONS

*Leaders Select Head of County
Committee—Olcott in Opposition.*

William Falpin, president of the Republican County Committee, at a meeting of Republican district leaders at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday withdrew as a candidate for re-election.

Congressman Herbert Parsons was practically endorsed for the place. This is taken to mean that Mr. Parsons will be elected at the annual meeting next month.

The friends of Congressman Olcott contend that they will continue the fight in his behalf, but it is generally considered that Mr. Parsons will be successful.

The meeting was held in the State committee rooms at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. It was called by Mr. Halpin and was fully attended. There

A black and white portrait photograph of a young man with short, light-colored hair, looking slightly to his left. He is wearing a dark suit jacket over a white shirt and a patterned tie. The background is a mottled gray.

CONGRESSMAN HERBERT PARSONS.
Recommended by the district leaders to be president of the Republican County Committee, to succeed William Halpin.

were only four district leaders absent. They were Van Cott, Henkel, Eldman and Gilman. These are known to be for Mr. Oloott. There were also friends of his in the meeting, however, notably Gruber, of the 21st. Ex-Governor Eddell was present as chairman of the State committee.

When the meeting was called to order, Mr. Halpin rose and announced his withdrawal as a candidate for re-election, reading the following statement:

I have thought it but fair that I should ask the members of the executive committee to assist me in this. I might make to them a statement regarding the reasons which led to my resignation from the membership of the county committee. I do this, not only for those friends whose earnest support I have had in the administration of the committee during the last year, but for the benefit of our good people.

I had not announced my candidacy for the presidency of the committee, but certain facts developed a situation which requires my consideration and that I submit a conclusion to you regarding it.

It appears that my action when the trustees

conference was called, declaring that the issue of the campaign was whether the great public utility corporations would dominate the administration of the affairs of this city, has offended some of the great corporations to the extent that they are using all their influence against my political candidacy as president of the Republican County Committee. As to this issue, Mr. Evans and Mr. Hearst held the same view, and the fact that the aggregate of their votes exceeded that given to McClellan by about 140,000 I feel confirmed my judgment in respect to that issue.

I also find myself opposed by those in this committee who defeated the nomination of Jefferies. I am well acquainted with some of them, and they were certainly notwithstanding that fact, they were contrary to the judgment of a large number of the members of this committee, and I am willing to accept the consequences of my actions from those of this committee who are moved by either of these considerations.

I realize that there have been successful candidates, and that there has been opposition to these forces, and so, as I believe that my action in no way dishonored or discredited the Republican party, I am willing to accept the situation as I find it.

My policy in the campaign was unimpaired throughout, no one, but I find myself referred to, through-
out, as having been referred to, con-

The general president of the committee and maintain the policy that I laid down for my administration last year—that questions of interest to the people of this city should be considered—and without regard to whether the questions are local or national. I shall not end now or now to fight these forces. Those who are responsible for the situation may or may not have to answer to their constituents at the primary next year—that is not within my province, but it is within the province of the constituents, which will treat the question as they may determine. In this situation, and, further, because I would not allow my candidacy to encourage a factional fight having for its real purpose anything but the good of the people of this city.

I believe that the candidacy of Mr. Oleott represents the opposition of one of the forces of the county. I have referred to, and I would deem it a great misfortune if the county committee should be headed by Mr. Oleott. I make this statement to repute and the integrity of Mr. Oleott, but I believe his candidacy, accepted by him wholly as a factional matter, represents the opposition of the interests I have offended.

The candidacy of Mr. Oleott represents, to some extent, the idea in the mind of the Republican constituency of to-day, that New-Town should govern itself, and should begin govern-

ing itself by the election of a chairman, the county committee uncontrolled by the influence or direct control of the city of New-York. I have endeavored while president of the county committee to bring that organization to a higher plane of efficiency, and the responsibility for the present conditions rests upon you as members of the executive committee. The responsibility for the destruction of the fusion conference rests upon you, the members of the executive committee, and the responsibility for the defeat of Jerome at the first convention rests upon you as members of the executive committee.

It is upon which I have begun as president of the county committee must be continued, and I believe it will be if Mr. Parsons is elected, and

contemplate that his actions will be interpreted by the single purpose of making the Republican Party the beneficiary of this course of action, a means of effective usefulness to the interests of the people of New-York. I cannot but feel that the fact that I shall not be a candidate will result in the early withdrawal of the candidacy of Mr. Olcott, as it then will have served its whole purpose. In view of what has been stated, I intend to vote for Mr. Parsons, the president of the next Republican County Committee.

At the conclusion of reading this statement, Samuel Strasbourger, leader of the 3d District, offered a resolution, providing that the district leaders place the name of Congressman

Parsons before their various delegations to the county committee as a candidate for chairman. George Wanmaker, of the 15th, moved to lay the resolution on the table. This was defeated by a vote of 25 to 7.

William C. Wilson, leader of the 27th, then

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